

State Water Resources Control Board
Division of Drinking Water

NOTICE OF PUBLIC WORKSHOP

DRAFT REPORT TO THE LEGISLATURE ON THE FEASIBILITY OF DEVELOPING UNIFORM WATER RECYCLING CRITERIA FOR DIRECT POTABLE REUSE

The State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board) will accept public comment on the draft Report to the Legislature on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse (Draft Report).

SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP

**October 4, 2016 – 9 am to 12 noon
Metropolitan Water District of
Southern California Headquarters
Room US1-102
700 North Alameda Street
Los Angeles, CA 90012**

NORTHERN CALIFORNIA WORKSHOP *

**October 6, 2016 – 1 pm to 4 pm
Joe Serna Jr. - CalEPA Headquarters Bldg.
Coastal Hearing Room
1001 I Street, Second Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814**

*A live webcast of this meeting will be available on the internet. See: <https://video.calepa.ca.gov/>

SUBJECT OF WORKSHOPS

State Water Board Division of Drinking Water staff will present an overview of the Draft Report to the Legislature on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse, and invite the public to provide comment on the document.

A quorum of the State Water Board members may be present at the workshop and may provide input, pose questions, or provide direction to staff, but will not take action. The public may review and comment on the Draft Report. Written comments on the Draft Report are due by 12:00 noon on **Tuesday, October 25, 2016.**

BACKGROUND

The State Water Board released a draft of the Report to the Legislature on the Feasibility of Developing Uniform Water Recycling Criteria for Direct Potable Reuse (Draft Report) on **Thursday, September 8, 2016.**

In preparing the draft report, the State Water Board included elements that are required by California Water Code (CWC) sections 13560 - 13569 [Senate Bill 918 (Pavley), 2010 and Senate Bill 322 (Hueso), 2013] to be considered, such as the recommendations from the expert panel; the recommendations of the advisory group; available research regarding unregulated pollutants as developed pursuant to the State Water Board's Recycled Water Policy; the regulations and guidelines in place for direct potable reuse from jurisdictions in other states, federal government and other countries; water quality and health risk assessments associated with existing potable water supplies subject to the discharges from municipal wastewater,

stormwater and agricultural runoff; and, pursuant to Water Section 13563, the results of an investigation of all of the following:

- (1) The availability and reliability of recycled water treatment technologies necessary to ensure the protection of public health;
- (2) Multiple barriers and sequential treatment processes that may be appropriate at wastewater and water treatment facilities;
- (3) Available information on health effects;
- (4) Mechanisms that should be employed to protect public health if problems are found in recycled water that is being served to the public as a potable water supply, including, but not limited to, the failure of treatment systems at the recycled water treatment facility;
- (5) Monitoring needed to ensure protection of public health, including, but not limited to, the identification of appropriate indicator and surrogate constituents;
- (6) Any other scientific or technical issues that may be necessary, including, but not limited to, the need for additional research.

As required by CWC section 13565, the State Water Board convened two independent groups, an expert panel of scientists and engineers, and an advisory group of stakeholders, to advise the State Water Board on issues related to the investigation. The recommendations of the Expert Panel and Advisory Group established the foundation of the State Water Board's investigation and findings; the Expert Panel report and the Advisory Group report are included as appendices to the State Water Board's feasibility report.

DOCUMENT AVAILABILITY

The Draft Report and the Notice of Opportunity for Comment are available to view or download on the State Water Board's website at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/certlic/drinkingwater/RecycledWater.shtml

For those without internet access, please contact Randy Barnard at (619) 525-4022 or by email at: Randy.Barnard@waterboards.ca.gov to obtain the documents.

SUBMISSION OF WRITTEN COMMENTS

The State Water Board encourages interested parties and persons to submit their comments in writing. Comment letters **must be received by 12:00 noon on Tuesday, October 25, 2016.**

Please send comment letters to Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board, as follows:

- ✓ By email: commentletters@waterboards.ca.gov (PDF format, 15 megabytes or less in size);
- ✓ By fax: (916) 341-5620; or
- ✓ By mail, addressed to:

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| <u>Hand/Courier Delivery **:</u> Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board 1001 I Street, 24th Floor Sacramento, CA 95814 | <u>U.S. Mail Delivery</u> Jeanine Townsend, Clerk to the Board State Water Resources Control Board P.O. Box 100 Sacramento, CA 95812-0100 |
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** Please check in with lobby security personnel, who can contact Ms. Townsend at (916) 341-5600.

Please indicate the subject line "**Comment Letter - Report to the Legislature on DPR**" on your transmittal.

PARKING AND ACCESSIBILITY

For directions to the Metropolitan Water District and public parking information, please visit the Metropolitan Water District web site at: <http://www.mwdh2o.com/WhoWeAre/Contact-Us/Pages/default.aspx>.

For directions to the Joe Serna, Jr. - CalEPA Building, and public transit or parking information, please visit the State Water Board web site at: <http://www.calepa.ca.gov/EPABldg/location.htm>. Individuals requiring special accommodations are requested to call the Office of Public Participation at 916-341-5501 at least five working days prior to the meeting. TDD users may contact the California Relay Service at (800) 735-2929 or voice line at (800) 735-2922.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Please direct questions about this notice to Mr. Randy Barnard at (619) 525-4022 or by email at Randy.Barnard@waterboards.ca.gov.

September 8, 2016
Date


Jeanine Townsend
Clerk to the Board